The Role of Women in Central Europe after EU Enlargement

Challenges of Gender Equality Policy in a Wider Europe
Conference
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The Programme

Thursday, 30th March 2006
Sala Napoleonica, State University Milan, Via Sant'Antonio, 12

9.00 a.m. Welcoming statements by the authorities
Keynote address: Sonja Lokar, Chair of the Stability Pact Gender Task Force "How to become women of one Europe?"

10.00 a.m. Coffee break
10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Section I: History
Moderator: Prof. Bianca Valota, State University Milan

Statements by:

Austria: Prof. Barbara Wicha, Head of Department of History and Political Science, University of Salzburg: "From malestream via gender blindness and gender neutrality to gender mainstreaming: Insistent feminist removal of barriers in society and science in Austria"

Italy: Prof. Emma Scaramuzza, Professor of contemporary history and of history of women and gender identity at State University Milan: "From the story of women to gender history. Thirty years of trends and research."
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